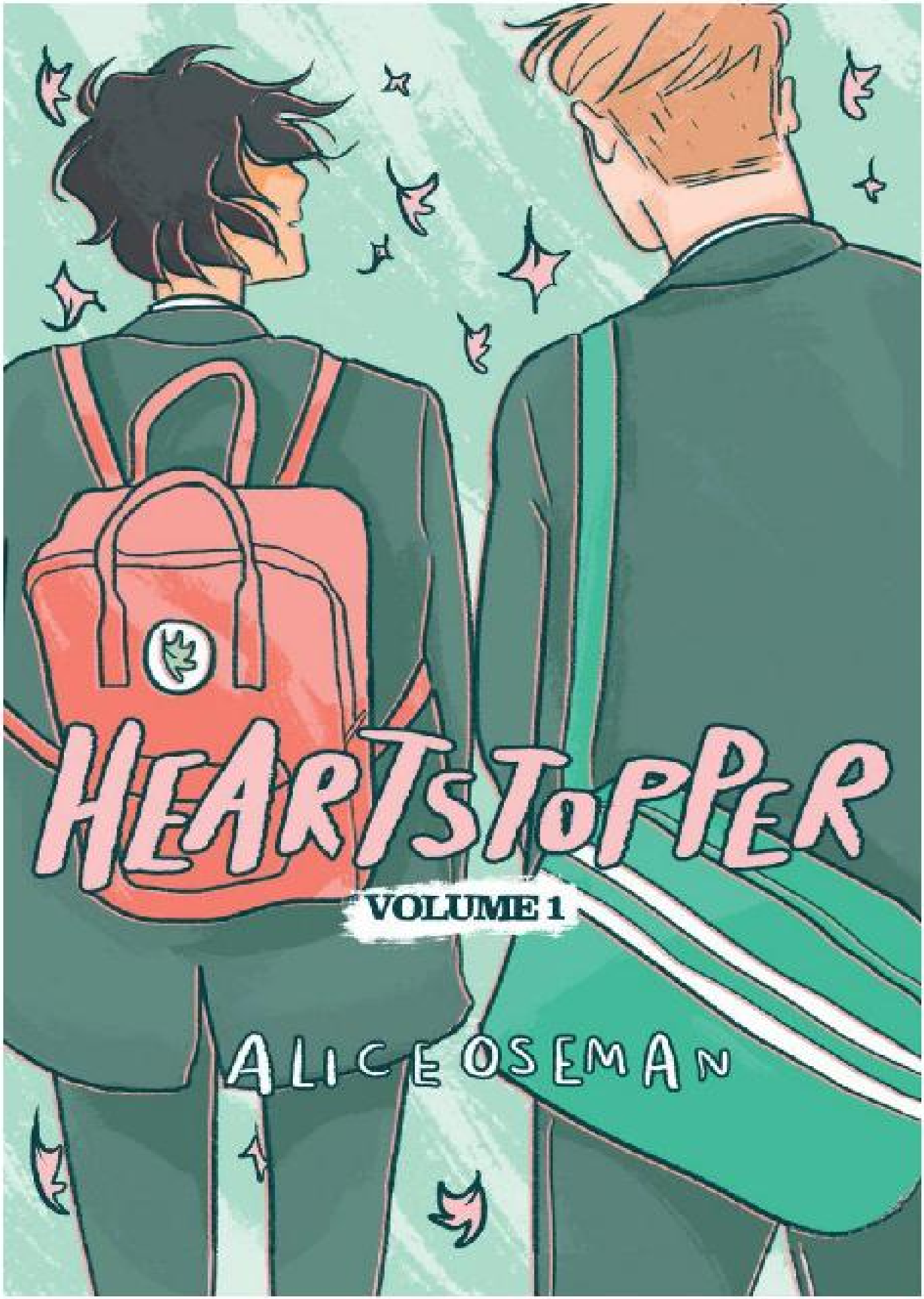
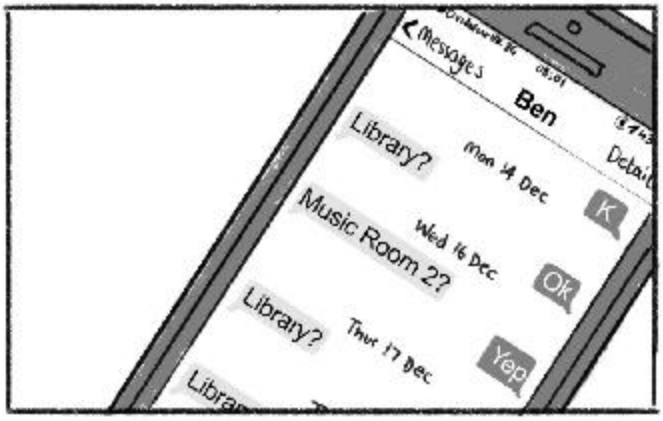

HEARTSTOPPER
VOLUME 1
ALICE OSEMAN

1. MEET

January


Messages
Ben
Library?
Mon 4 Dec
K
Music Room 2?
Wed 6 Dec
OK
Library?
Thur 7 Dec
Yep

TICK

TICK

TICK

TICK

TICK

TRUHAM SCHOOL LIBRARY SHH!

TICK

TICK

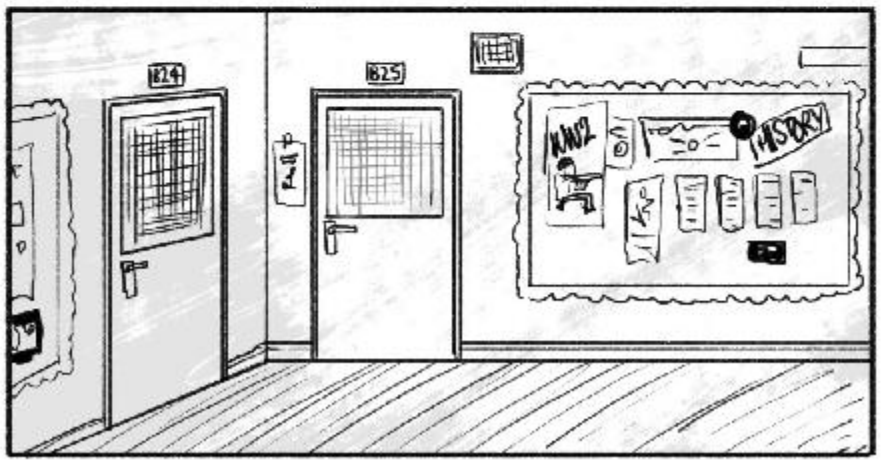
TICK

TICK

beep
beep
beep
Charlie, that was only the first bell-
Yeah... I've gotta go
Why??
Sorry
BEN
CHARLIE

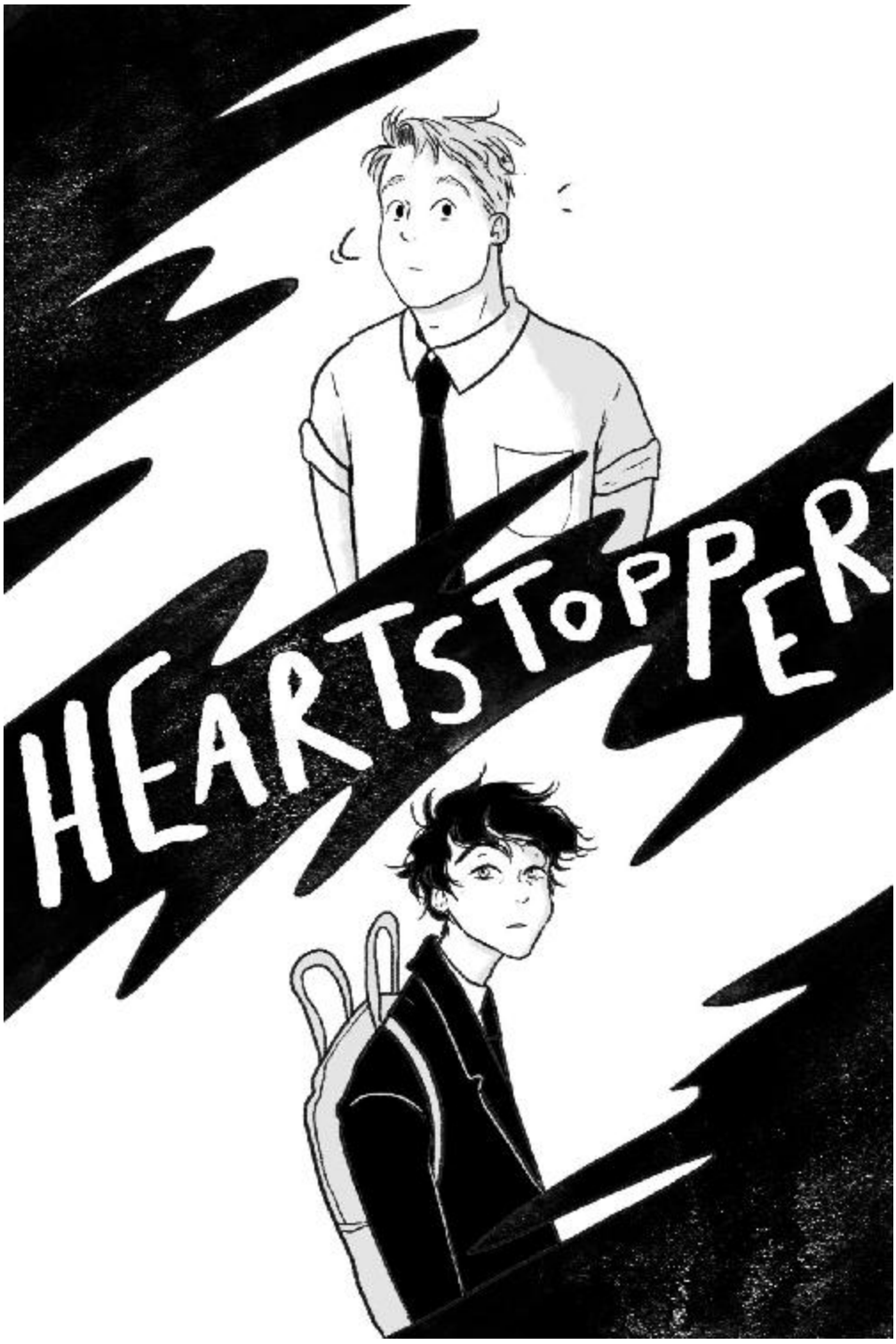
LIBRARY!
SIGH
LIBRARY!
Truham Grammar School for Boys
NEW FORM GROUPS!
Dear Charles Spring
From the beginning of January, all students at Truham will
e placed in new 'vertical form groups' for registration at
:30am and 2:05pm every day. Each vertical form will
ontain 5-6 students from each year group.
ew form: Hamlet 5
orm room: B25
lease attend registration in your new vertical form group
m the start of the new term in January.

YAWN


1824
1825
Pull
MUSEUM

HAMLET 5
Mr. Lange
Well, if it isn't Charlie Spring!
Happy New Year!
Hi Mr Lange

Let's see... where did I put you on the seating plan...
Ah yes! You're over there-
-next to Nicholas Nelson
He's in Year 11, so only a year older than you!


HEARTSTOPPER

HI
HI
A COMIC BY
ALICE
OSEMAN

PEEK

DAY 2
All right?
...
All right.
DAY 3
morning
morning
DAY 4
Hey!
Hey

Why does he always say hello to me every single morning? Is it a joke? Is it like the guys who used to bully me last year all over again? He's probably just making fun of me. Why else would he talk to me? He's not even in my year group. He probably thinks I'm gonna hit on him or something-

Er... Charlie?

you don't have any tissues, do you? My pen.. er.. exploded

Ah, no, sorry
Oh dear Nick, you'd better go clean up in the bathroom
Charlie, can you go with Nick and open the doors for him?

Sorry about this...
It's fine
Hopefully I'll miss some of first period... I have double science
Ugh! Who d'you have?

Mr Hutchins
Oh my god, I had him last year! He smells so bad of cat food!
He REALLY does
So... how did your pen explode?
It's a fountain pen. They do that sometimes.
Aren't fountain pens really hard to write with?
Yeah, but it makes my handwriting look well nice
It's not coming off!
Haha!! You're gonna be blue forever

I look like I'm wearing blue gloves
You can make it the new school fashion
I'll pretend it's a tattoo!
I think that might be against school rules-
beep
beep
beep
Oh
We'd better go

Was that first bell or second bell?
Dunno. I'll check the time.
WHRRR

08:50
BH
Ben
Library?
On my
Today
Music Room 2?
Charlie where the fuck are you
??? i'm waiting
can't even be bothered to text me? you're so fucking useless

Charlie??
?
?
er- yeah-
first bell

Friends?

You're friends with Nick Nelson now?
FLICK
REALLY?

Er... yeah?
TAO XU (FRIEND)
But he's one of the rugby lads! He's friends with Harry Greene, for God's sake
So? Nick's really nice!
COME ON. He's a fucking chav. He calls everyone 'mate' and probably throws food at people on the bus.
...he doesn't call me 'mate', though

...
You have a crush on him
WHAT.
That's not- I'm- I don't just fall for any boy who's nice to me

He's probably straight anyway...

..haha..

Oh my god, Ben! Shut up!!

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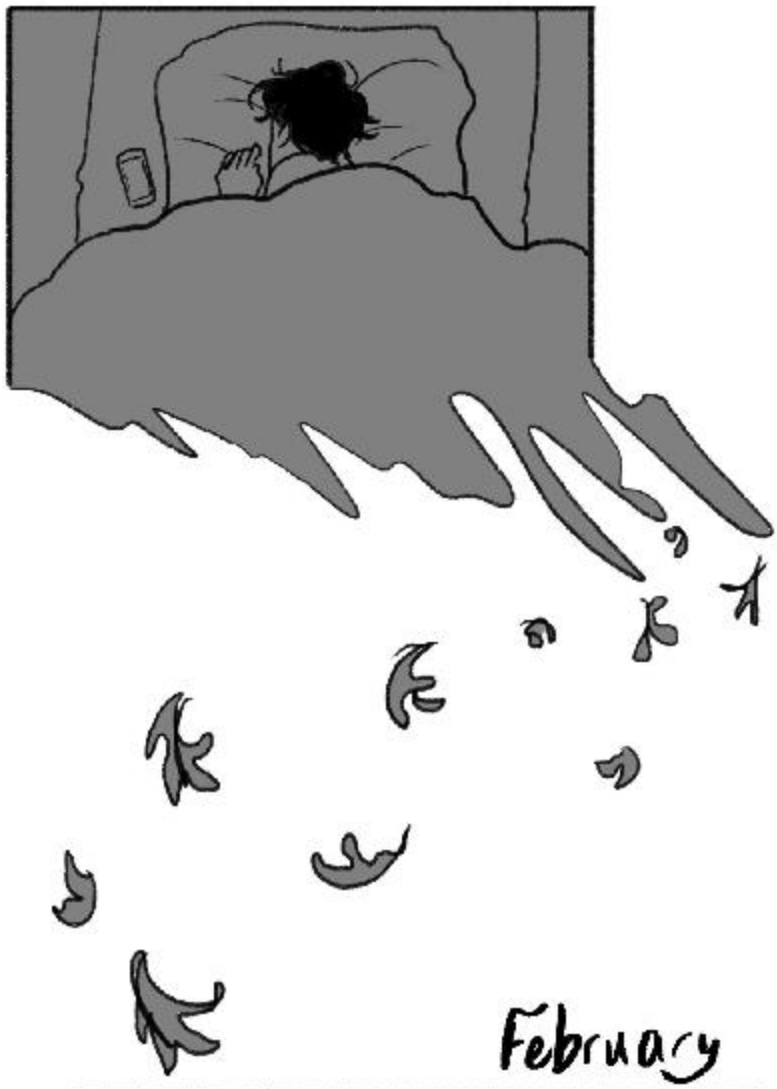
23:14
64%
Messages
Ben
Details
I don't want to meet up anymore
???
sorry
Why??
I don't understand
Its we're not gonna get caught
Charlie!! Don't ignore me!!!!!
Text message
Send


February

Monday 1st February. 10H/11H P.E. (Physical Education)
Come on, Year 10s!
We've been doing this all year and no one's beaten Charlie's time yet!
huff huff

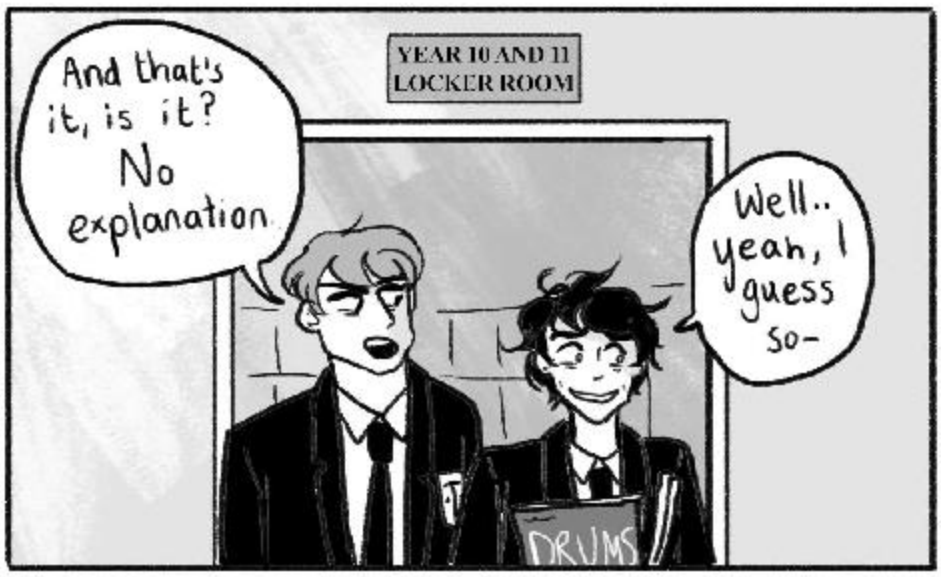
NICK!

HUFF
NICK! Pass it!
HUFF
!!
!!
HAHA!

Hey, Charlie
I need to talk to you.

Erm... I have a drum lesson right now
DRUMS

Answer my fucking texts, then! It's been two weeks!
I already said I don't want to meet up with you anymore.


YEAR 10 AND 11
LOCKER ROOM
And that's it, is it? No explanation
Well.. yeah, I guess so-
DRUMS

GR
AB

THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH-

CHARLIE?
I've been looking for you!
Er... is everything all right?
I didn't know you knew Ben..

Erm... yes?
we'll talk later, Charlie

Why are you friends with Ben Hope? He's kind of a dick
We're not friends!!

I... help him with his maths homework?
...Ok

So... anyway...
I have something to ask you!
Charlie, you may not know this, but I'm gay too, and I'm in love with you. Will you go out with me? I want to be with you forever

Do you want to join the rugby team?
We're short of a player! Everyone seems to prefer football...
Er... well... I don't really know how to play. I don't even watch it on TV.
That's okay! I'll teach you!
But... why me?
I saw you run in P.E. You're really fast!

Erm... aren't I a bit small and weak for rugby?

...

Well, this is only a school team-
So you're saying I'm weak?
No!!

beep

beep
beep
The bell? Lunch is over already?
FUCK I'm missing my drum lesson!
Can I think about it?
Yeah, sure!

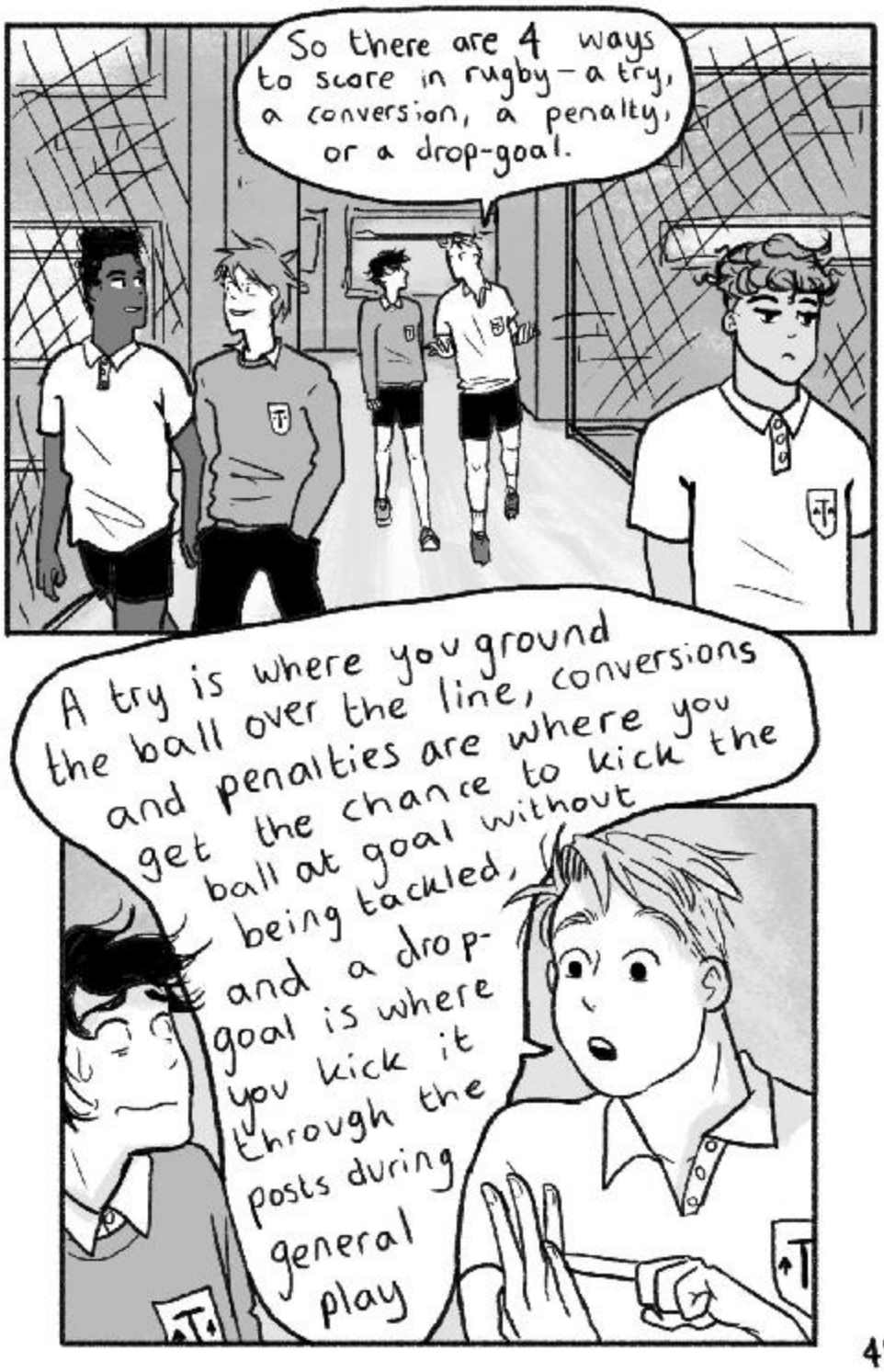
I'LL see you later!
He plays the drums?

ONE WEEK LATER...
Charlie Spring, though?

yes?
Why him, though?
?
...
!!
He's a fucking stick
!
Like, I know he's popular, everyone loves him, but can he even play?
I'm sure he's a nice guy, but we actually want to be good!
Does he even like sports? Everyone knows he's gay-

CREAK
Hey!

..hey


So there are 4 ways to score in rugby – a try, a conversion, a penalty, or a drop-goal.
A try is where you ground the ball over the line, conversions and penalties are where you get the chance to kick the ball at goal without being tackled, and a drop-goal is where you kick it through the posts during general play

THIS IS A LOT OF INFORMATION
You'll probably pick it up after a few games!
I hope you're prepared for me to be absolutely crap.
You might be better than me, for all we know!
CHARLIE SPRING!!
?

MISS SINGH. P.E. TEACHER. EX SEMI-PRO RUGBY PLAYER.
So. You're the chosen one.

Um

What year are you in?
Year 10
Ever played rugby?
Er.. no...
But Nick says you're a fast runner, yeah?
I.. think so?
Good. We need an extra wing. Know what that is?
No...
Nick, why don't you use today's practise to take Charlie through the basics?
Sure!

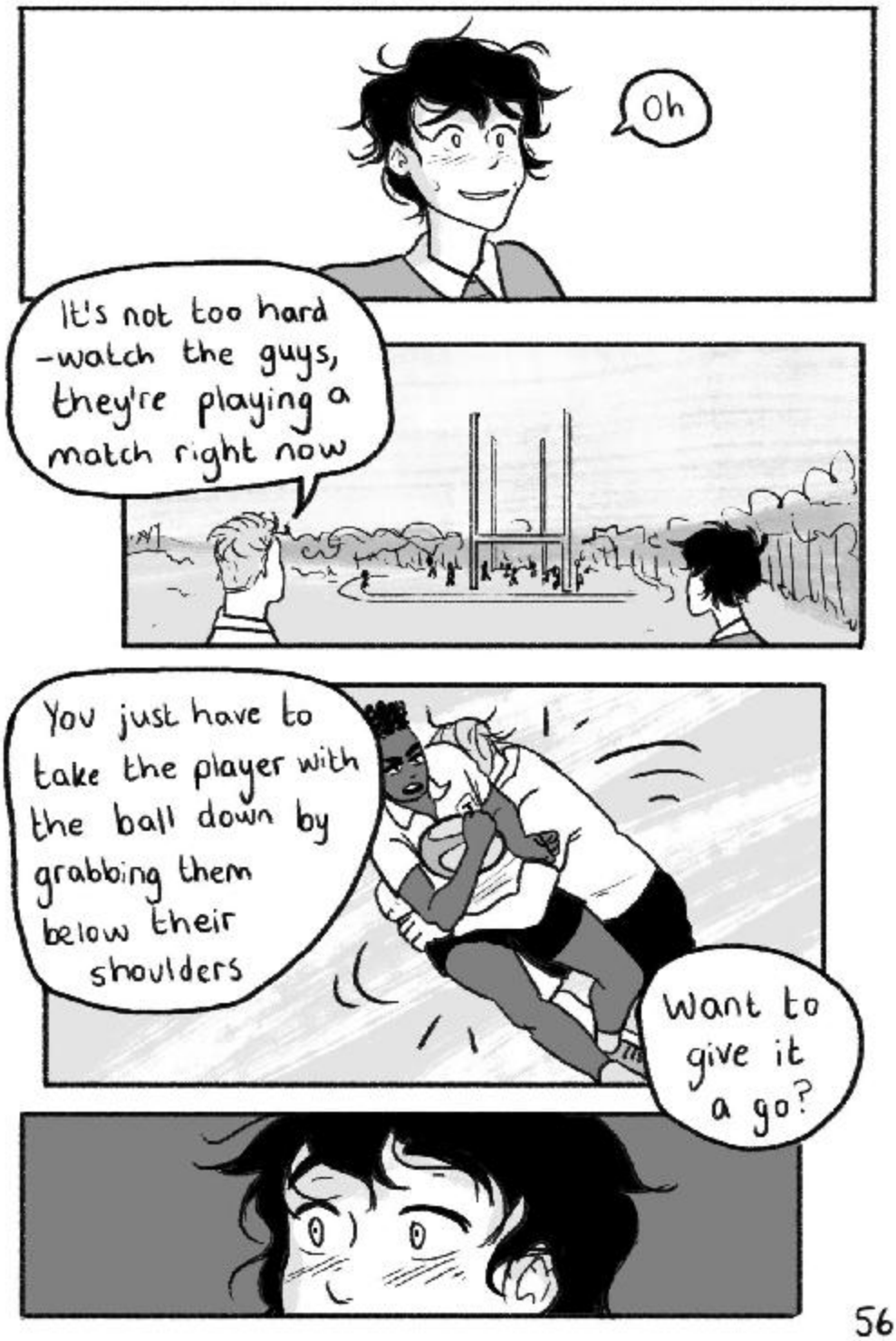
Twist your body a bit more!
Like this?
Yeah! It's like more of an underthrow
So... like this?
Yeah... but aim it at me
I'M TRYING

That's it! I knew you'd get it ☺

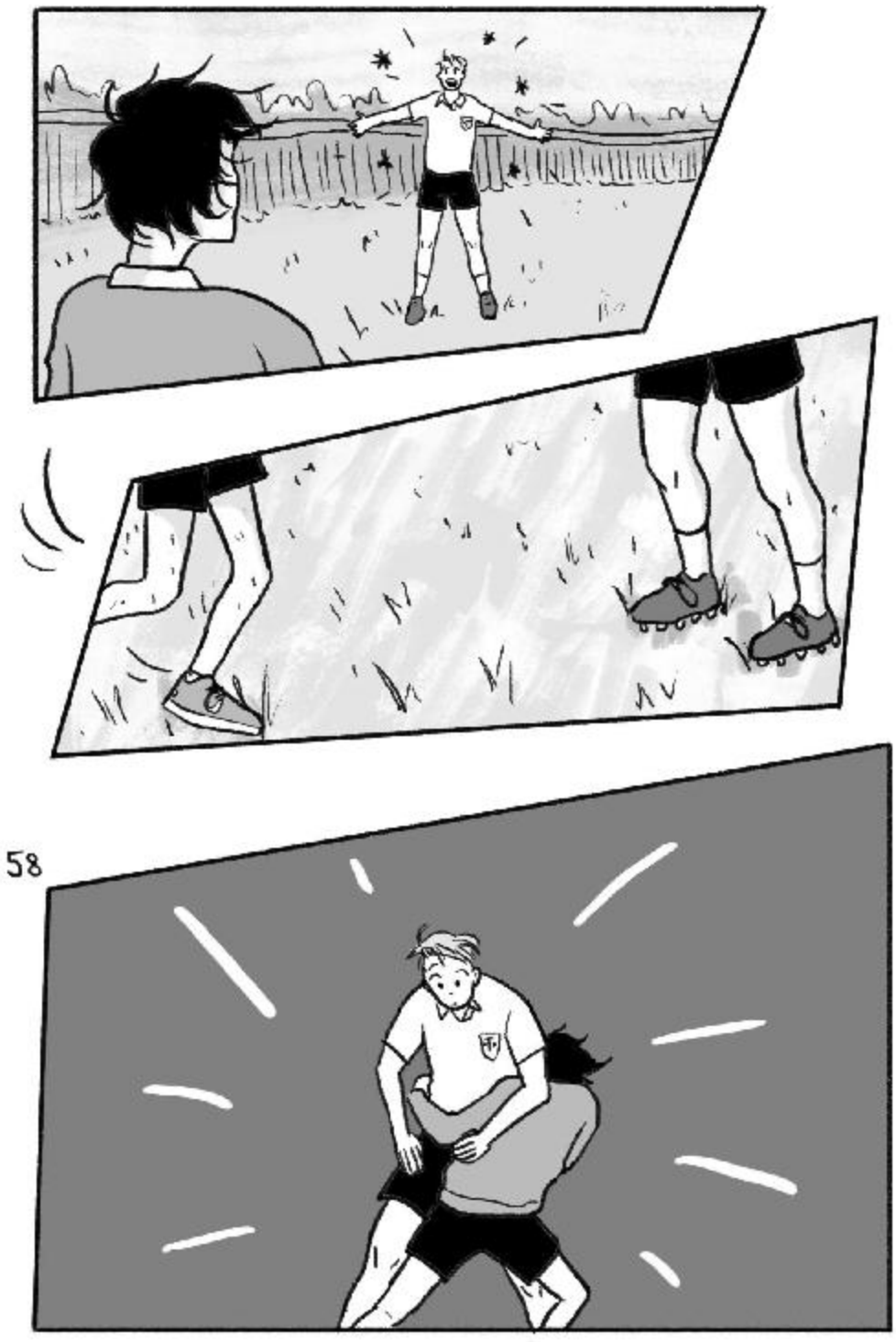
That was... ok?
Yep! Perfect Pass!
T

You're a natural!
PINCH
Pfft!

...So we've covered passing and scoring...
We've got about 15 minutes left, so-
-do you want to give tackling a go?
..Tackling?


Oh
It's not too hard -watch the guys, they're playing a match right now
You just have to take the player with the ball down by grabbing them below their shoulders
Want to give it a go?

I am definitely **way** too weak to do that
Excuse me – where is your 'can do' attitude?
Give it a go. Just run at me. I won't dodge!
Go onnnn. I bet you can do it.
..Fine



That was perfect!
Was it!?!

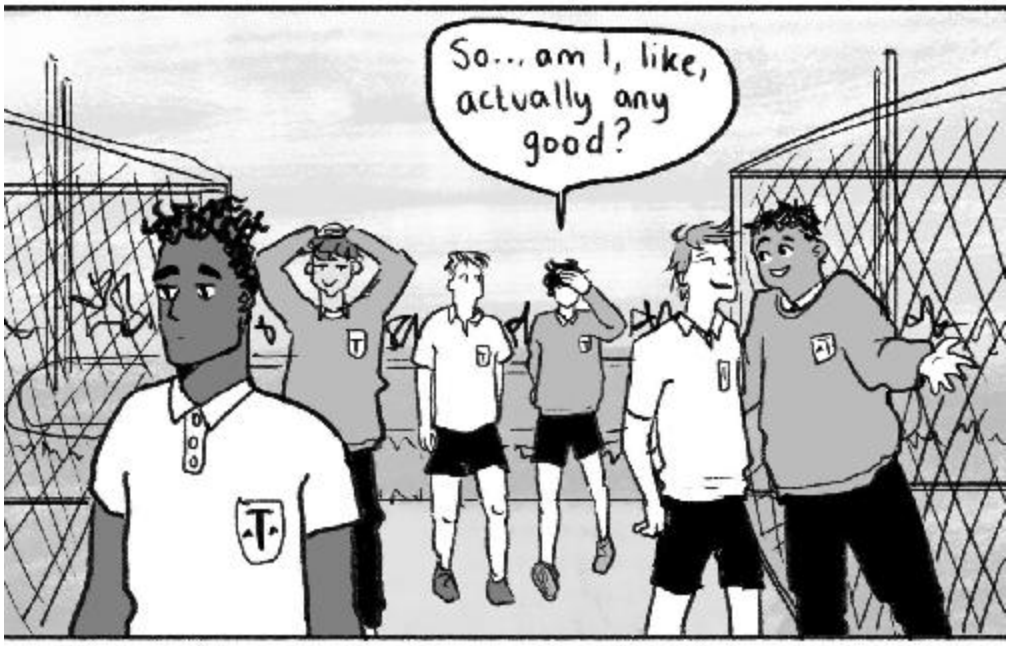
STAND
Let's try it again while running!

TWO DAYS LATER...
!
FIVE DAYS LATER...

ONE WEEK LATER

He's been doing really well, hasn't he!
You're surprised?
Well all I knew about him was that he's gay
Mate, I don't actually think being gay makes you bad at sports.
I never said that!! Anyway, I can see why he's popular. He's managed to fit in really well.
Yeah... he's just a really cool guy! :)

Haha! Your hair's sticking up!
Is it?!
I was thinking about cutting it
WHAT
What??
It'd just- it'd be a big change
?


So... am I, like, actually any good?

What? At rugby? Of course you are!
Yeah?
Why?
I'M JUST A BIT SCARED OF LETTING EVERYONE DOWN AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER THEY LIKE ME OR WANT ME ON THE TEAM OR... yeah.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
It's silly.
...
All of the older boys kinda remind me of the people who used to bully me.

FIRE RO
Well I like you and want you on the team!
Haha!! Good!
"I like you"
"I like you"
"I like you"
"I like you"
"I like you"
"I like you"

Is there anything you think you want to practise a bit more, then?
..Charlie?
...

You okay?
Charlie??
Wha?
You okay?
Y-Yeah- sorry- just got a text from- er- I'm meeting up with someone after this. Sorry!
O...kay

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Today
You're at rugby, right? Meet me in the music block afterwards
Why?
Please Charlie I want to talk

Well I like you!
What's the point

MUSIC

MUSIC

Charlie
PRACTISE ROOM 2
You're wearing a coat? It's not even cold
It's February.
Laaame

What did you want, Ben?

Don't touch me
GOD what is your problem? I'm trying to be nice
I said I don't want to meet up with you anymore—
Yeah, I don't believe you!
...what??
I think you're scared of us getting caught

Why would I be scared? Everyone in the school already knows I'm gay! YOU'RE the one who's scared of getting caught! You're not even my boyfriend! I've seen you with your girlfriend at the school gate!!
You don't give a SHIT about me. You just found the nearest guy who was willing to make out with you and went for it!
YOU went for it too. Don't be angry at me for not wanting to come out yet.

I'm not angry about that! I'm angry because you never even slightly cared about my feelings at all. We only ever meet up when you want, where you want-
When you feel like making out with a boy!
I could be ANYONE! You don't give a shit!
That's obviously not true

It is true! You just heard the rumours about me and was like "Oh good, there's finally a gay boy I can safely get off with"!!
SLAM

what the f-
??

PULL
PUSH
Stop it!!
You're so hot when you're angry
Don't!!
Stop it
Come on Charlie I really like you
!!?

S-stop...

Stop...

What the-

He told you to stop, you fucking prick!

Nick!?
PUSH
...
Go on, FUCK OFF!

Are you okay?

I'm fine
Are you sure?

...did you hear all of that?

Well... most of it

I just... kind of followed you... You seemed really stressed out while we were getting changed.
I just started getting worried... er... so... yeah.

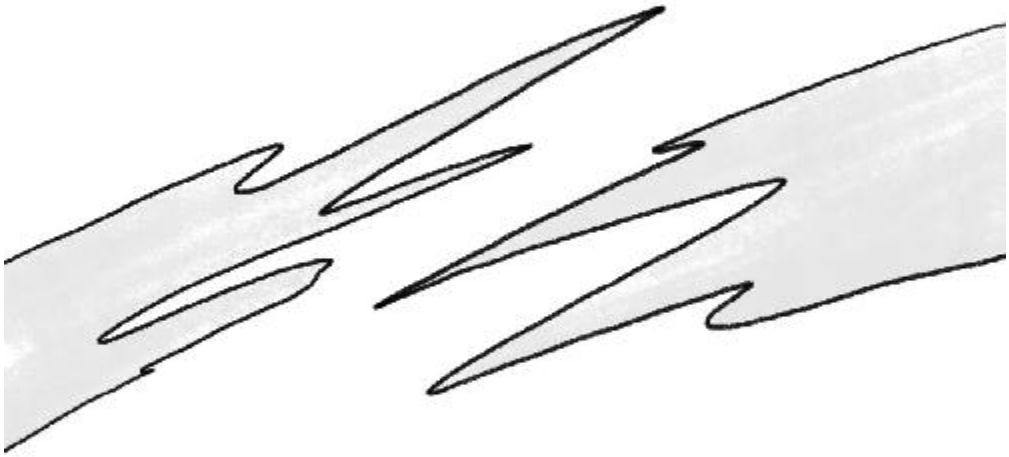
FIVE MINUTES EARLIER

I just wanted to check everything was okay
S-sorry
You have NOTHING to be sorry about!

Sorry!!
you know, you say sorry a lot
...
Don't say it!
I kinda wanna say it
89
Don't!
ha ha!

PAT
PAT
PAT
?
Come on, we'll get locked in if we stay here much longer
PAT

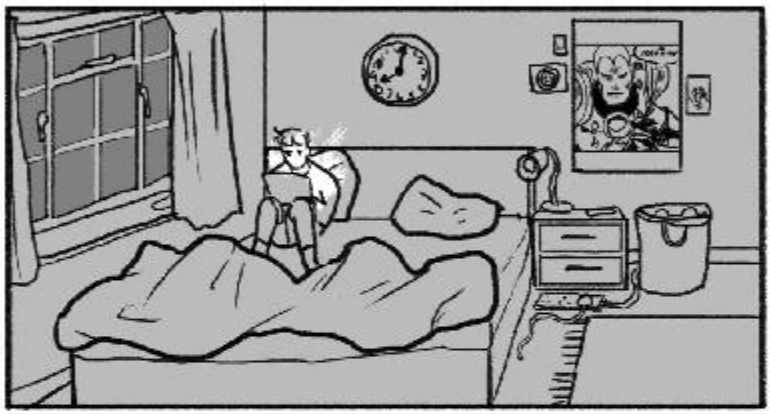
SCHO

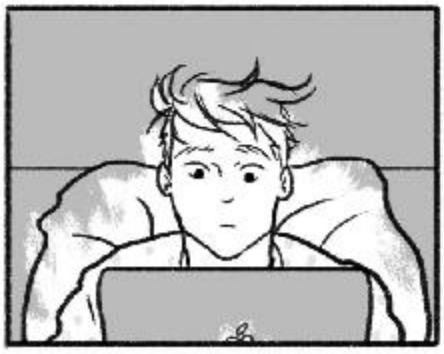


Idiot
I'm such an idiot
such a fucking idiot

Good practise today, Nicky?
Nick?
Mmhm

2. CRUSH

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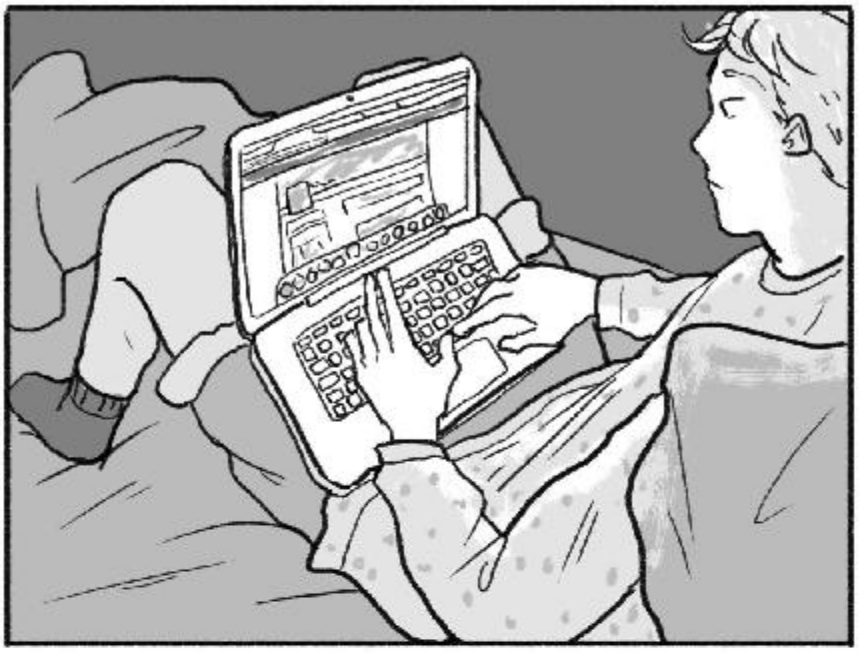
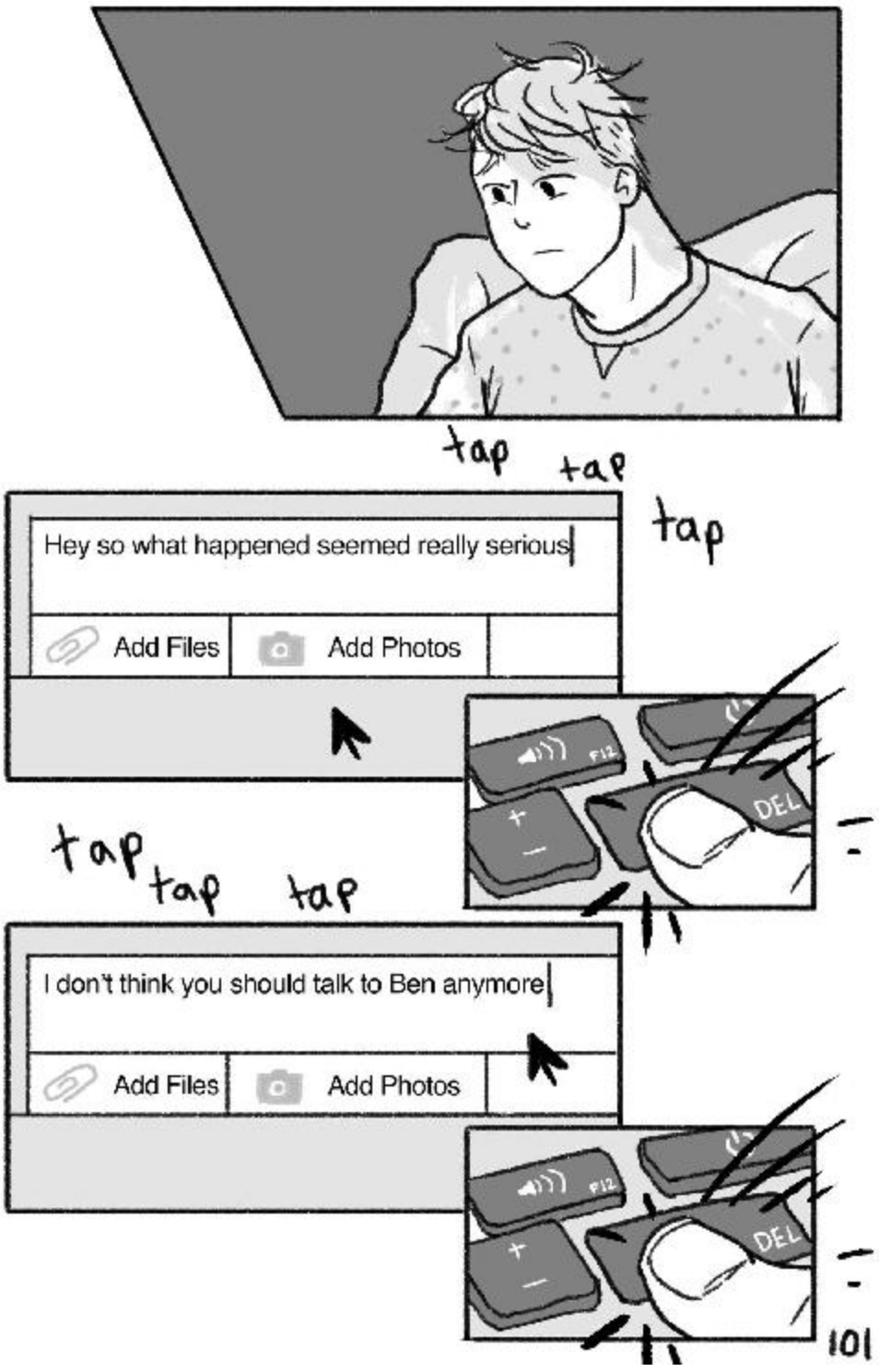


"Hey, did you hear some Year 9 has come out as gay?"

TEN MONTHS AGO...
"Huh? No?"
"Yeah, d'you know Charlie Spring from 9H? Apparently he's gay."
"Where did you hear that?"
"It's going round the whole school."

"He's been getting a lot of shit for it, I think."
gaylord
faggot
Ew don't touch him
gaaaay
so gross
"I mean, this is an all-boys school! What did he expect?"

"What did he expect?"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tap
Hey so what happened seemed really serious
Add Files
Add Photos
F12
DEL
tap tap tap
I don't think you should talk to Ben anymore
Add Files
Add Photos
F12
DEL

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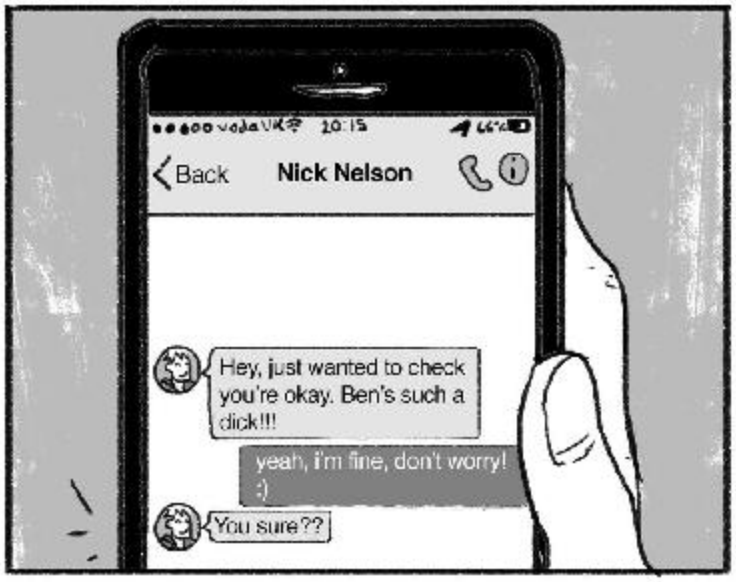
MUSIC
MUSE

BUZZ
?

20:13
Friday 26 February
Nick Nelson
Hey, just wanted to check you're okay. Ben's such a dick!!!

yeah, i'm fine, don't worry! :)

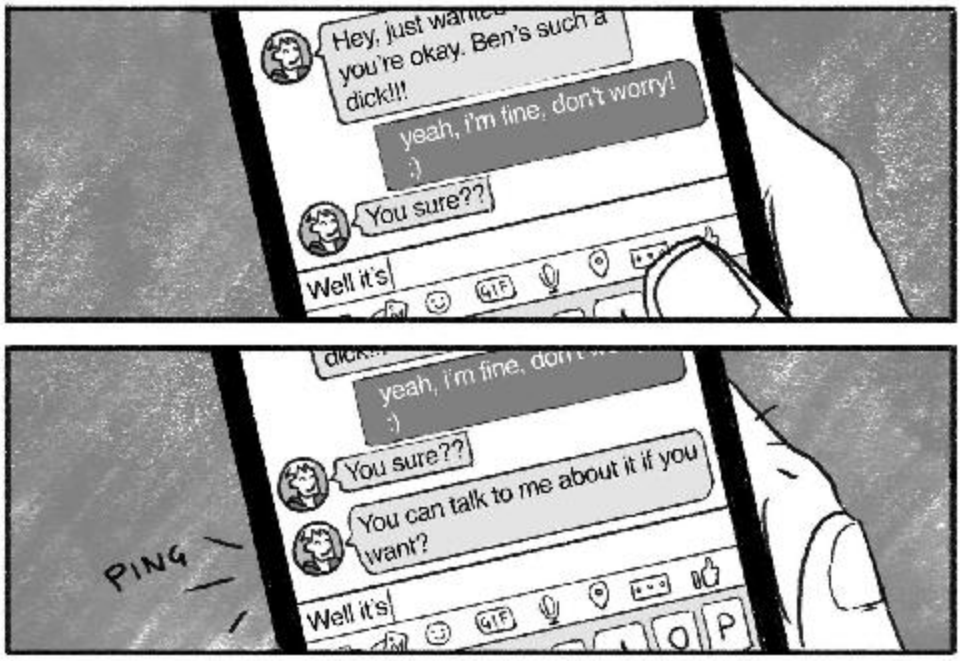
tap
tap
tap

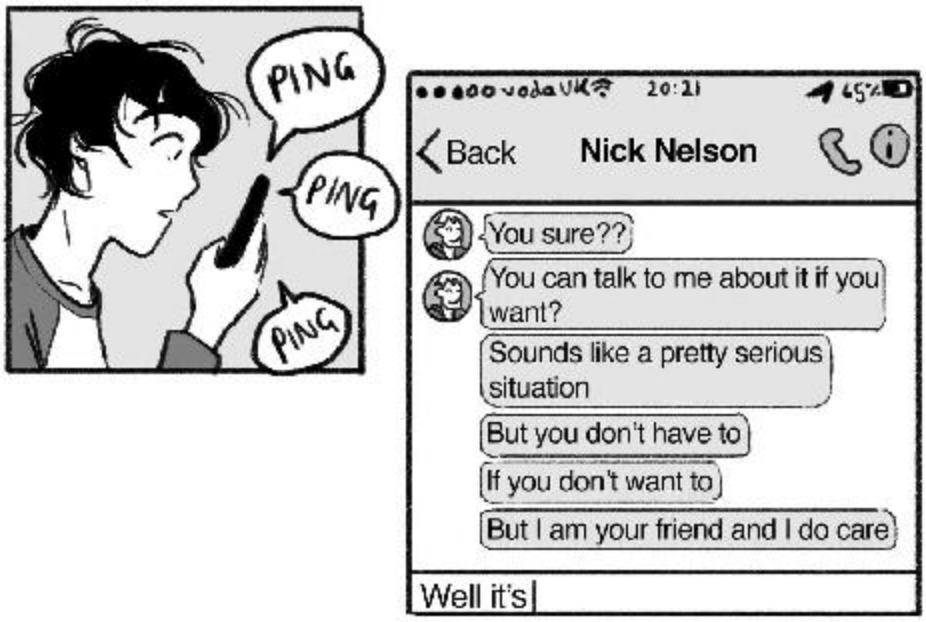

Back
Nick Nelson
Hey, just wanted to check you're okay. Ben's such a dick!!!
yeah, i'm fine, don't worry! :)
You sure??

You sure??

You sure??
Charlie Spring is typing...
Write a reply...

FIVE MINUTES LATER


you're okay. Ben's such a dick!!!
yeah, i'm fine, don't worry! :)
You sure??
Well it's
yeah, i'm fine, don't
:)
You sure??
You can talk to me about it if you want?
PING
Well it's
O
P


PING
PING
PING
20:21
Back
Nick Nelson
You sure??
You can talk to me about it if you want?
Sounds like a pretty serious situation
But you don't have to
If you don't want to
But I am your friend and I do care
Well it's

But you don't have to
If you don't want to
But I am your friend and I do care

Charlie Spring
Okay
Might be a bit of a long story lol

Nick Nelson
I don't mind!!

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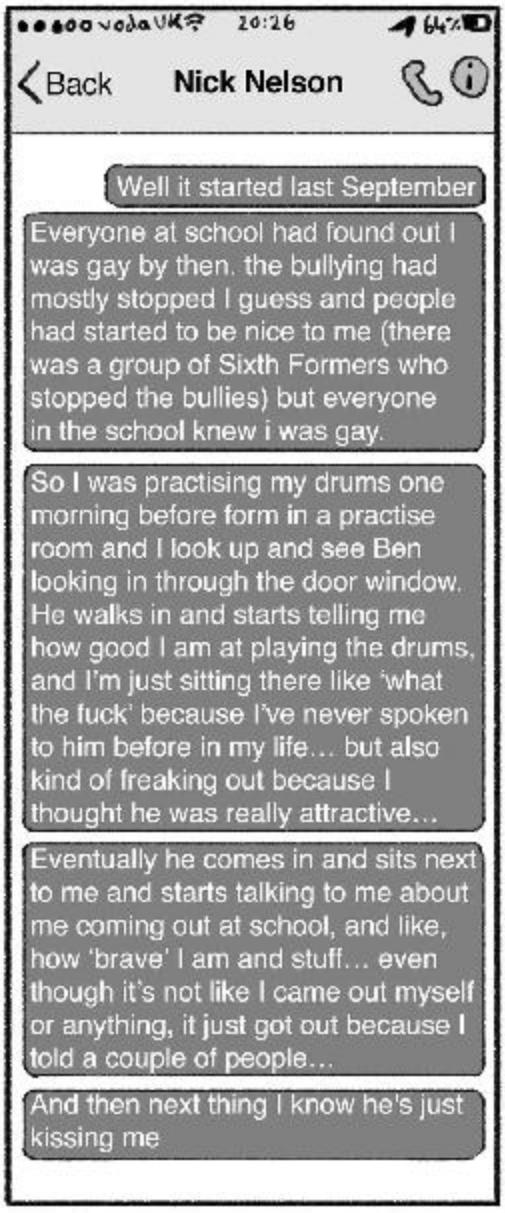
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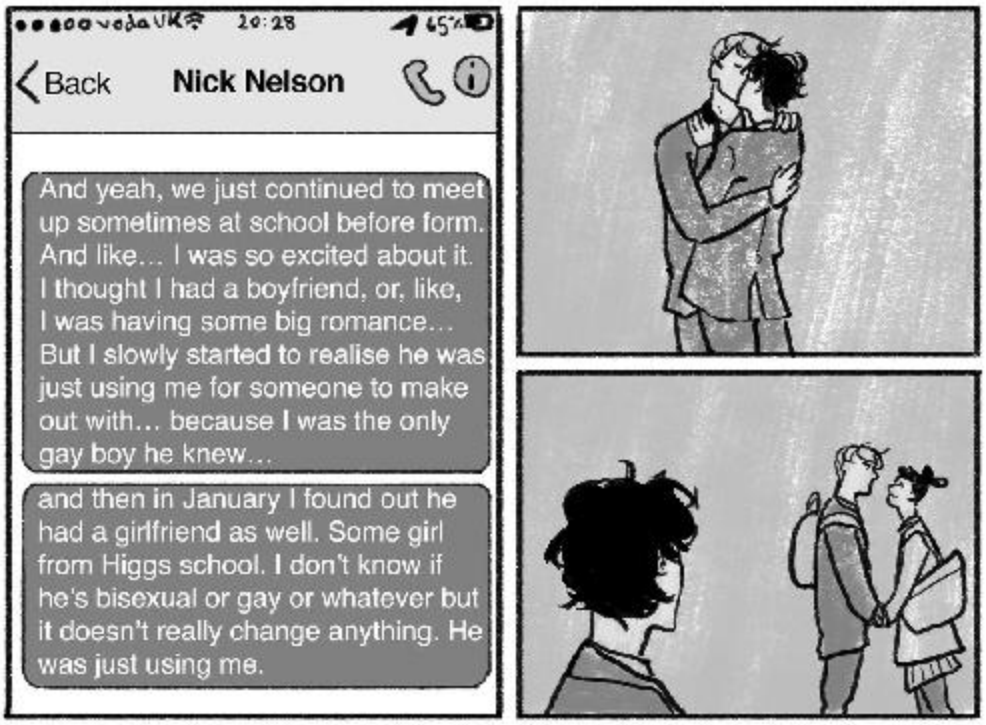
Nick Nelson
Well it started last September
Everyone at school had found out I was gay by then. the bullying had mostly stopped I guess and people had started to be nice to me (there was a group of Sixth Formers who stopped the bullies) but everyone in the school knew i was gay.
So I was practising my drums one morning before form in a practise room and I look up and see Ben looking in through the door window. He walks in and starts telling me how good I am at playing the drums, and I'm just sitting there like 'what the fuck' because I've never spoken to him before in my life... but also kind of freaking out because I thought he was really attractive...
Eventually he comes in and sits next to me and starts talking to me about me coming out at school, and like, how 'brave' I am and stuff... even though it's not like I came out myself or anything, it just got out because I told a couple of people...
And then next thing I know he's just kissing me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Nick Nelson
And yeah, we just continued to meet up sometimes at school before form. And like... I was so excited about it. I thought I had a boyfriend, or, like, I was having some big romance... But I slowly started to realise he was just using me for someone to make out with... because I was the only gay boy he knew...
and then in January I found out he had a girlfriend as well. Some girl from Higgs school. I don't know if he's bisexual or gay or whatever but it doesn't really change anything. He was just using me.

tap
tap
tap
I tried to end it but he just kept pestering me. I thought I'd just meet up with him one last time to tell him to leave me alone but... yeah. That didn't go well I guess haha

Nick Nelson
FUCK I hate Ben so much. I knew he was a dick, but... jesus.

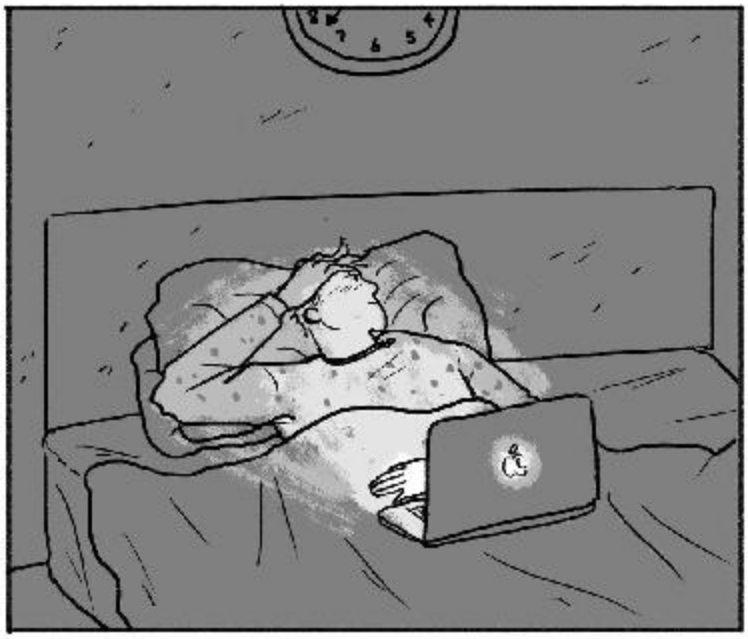
Please don't ever talk to him again

Charlie Spring
I definitely won't!!!!

Nick Nelson
I will kick his ass if he tries to come near you

tap
tap
Thank you for being there
Generally or in the music block?
tap
tap
Well...
both

Not a problem☺♥
Not a problem☺
I love talking to you
Not a problem☺
I'm so glad we're frien
Not a problem☺♥
♥



Should I have told him all that?
OF MICE & MEN

Maybe he felt awkward
Maybe he won't want to be friends anymore-
RUFFLE
Hey!

Charlie, what the FUCK is going on!?

What??
NICK NELSON!?
TAO XU (FRIEND)
I thought you didn't have a crush on him!
P.E. CLASS
...Please don't say it so loud
You've been all over him for, like, a month!

Texting??
tap
tap
tap
!!
!!
You've started eating lunch together??
And don't get me started on rugby...
!!

NOPE not so fast
Haha!!
NICK!!
We're going this way
Oh my god put me down!!
Nope :)

Okay, let's go

Charlie!!
I'm not being funny, but, like, he's straight.

Just look at him. He's as straight as they come.
I know
You're just causing yourself pain!
I KNOW

Tao and Charlie! Stop chattering and start kicking that ball!
And Tao, take that bloody hat off!
But siiiir, it's freezing!
This is England, not Antarctica. Deal with it.

Charlie, you need to give up on him

I can't

Yeah, it took me like 3 hours to bake it all but my nan loves Cheesecake, so...
Wait, I think I've got a picture of it-
MARCH
Oh! That's just my dog, haha

WAIT!
You have a dog?
Yeah! Her name's Nellie ♡
She's pretty old but I love her
I wish I had a dog. My parents don't like animals.

You should come round my house and meet her!
S-seriously?
Yeah! Are you free Saturday?
I think so!

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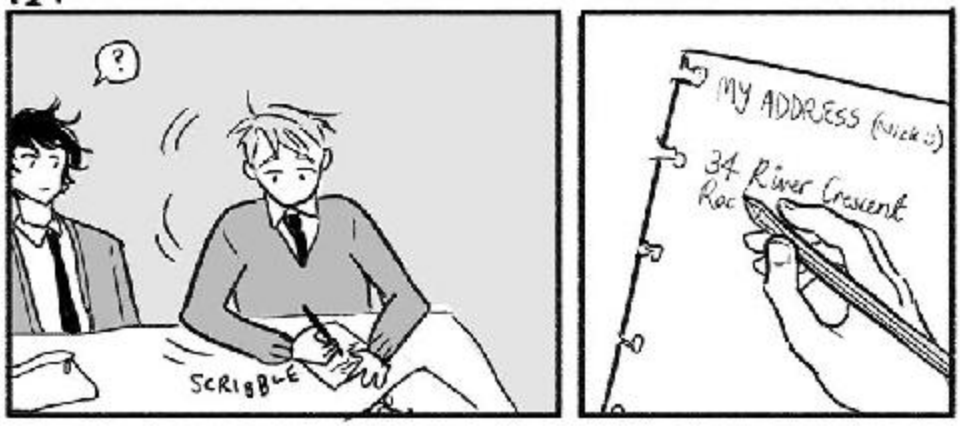
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SCRIBBLE
MY ADDRESS (WICK'S)
34 River Crescent
Roc

Wow, that's only a 10 minute walk from my house!
Is it!?
Yeah, I live on Britannia Road!
Saturday, then?
Okay!
Did you two swap seats?

SATURDAY
?

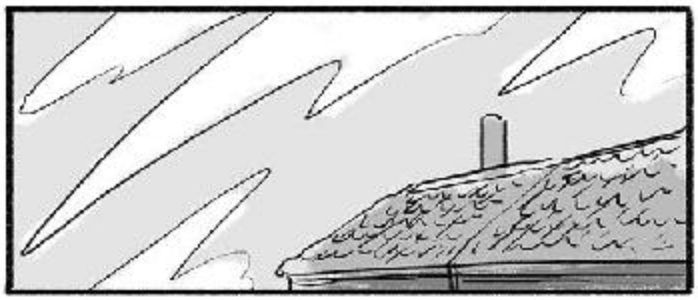
What are you doing?
VICTORIA 'TORI' SPRING. OLDER SISTER.
Do you think it's too short?
You've had it cut that short before...?

I know, but... did it look better long?
It looks the same, to be honest.

Are you going out?
Yeah, round a friend's

Tao?
No... his name's Nick. He's in my form.

hm
What?
?
Have fun ü



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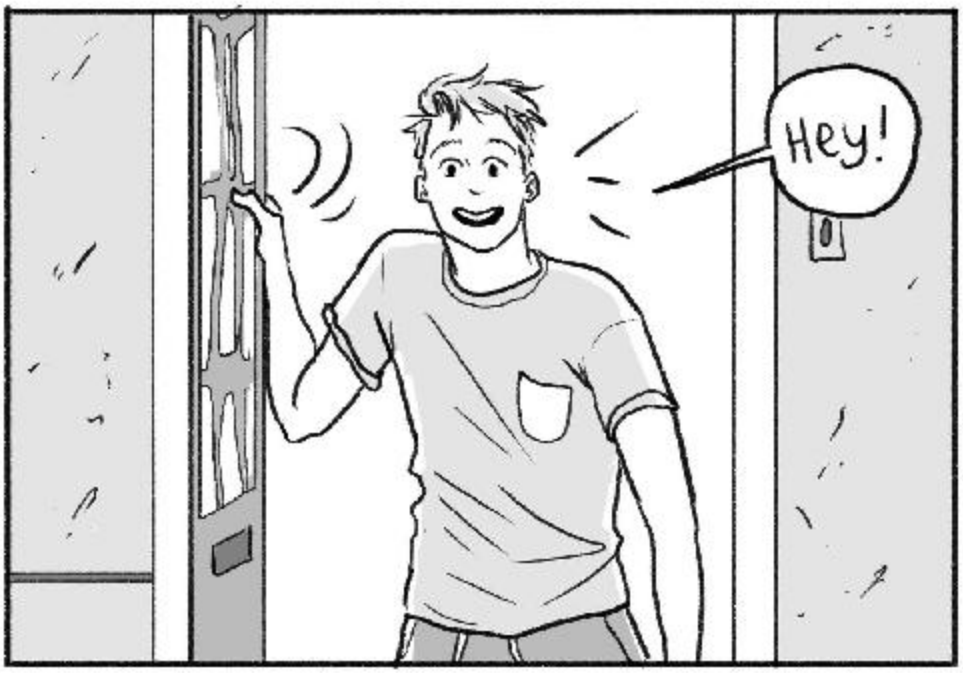
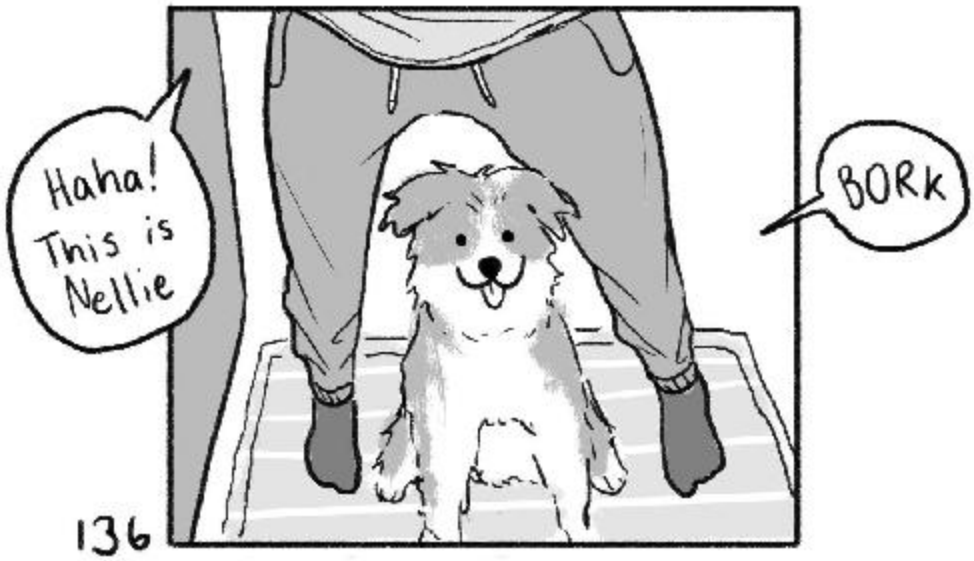
DRRRING
PRESS


Hey!

Hey

BORF


Haha! This is Nellie
BORK

IN LOVE

Hi Nellie!
sniff sniff

You're so adorable

?
Did-
did
you-

Did you
get a
haircut?

BRUSH
e-erm

I-Is it bad?
No no! No! It- you look- erm- great
34
OKAY COME IN OR NELLIE WILL THINK WE'RE GOING FOR A WALK
Okay

I heard it's gonna snow!
It's so cold
Oh my god, snow!?
PAT PAT

So this is my house!

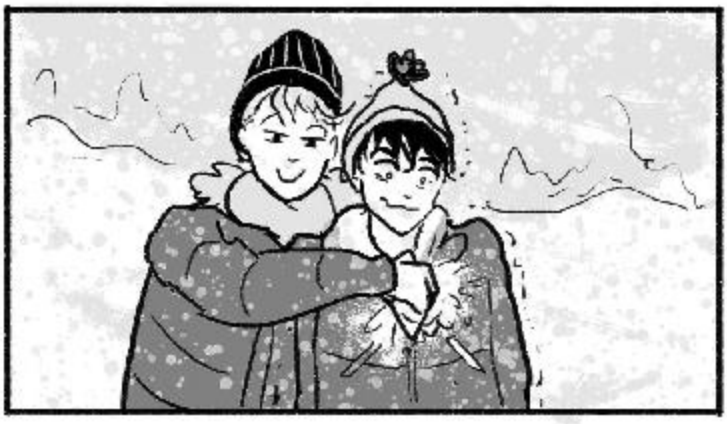
haha!
LICK

Argh! Why are you so good at this!?
I have a six-year-old brother. Mario Kart is my life.
And you get to be good at real sports. I get to be good at fake ones.
You're just good at everything, you nerd!

I am so not good at everything.
You so are! Let's see, you're good at video games, sports, maths, essays,
making friends, playing the drums, mmph-
Shh!
?

It's
snowing

here!
Too BIG
Pfft



SNAP!

I. Am. Freezing.
150
You should have worn something waterproof
I don't have anything! I'm not outdoorsy like you!

I hope you don't catch a cold..
Haha!! It'll b-be worth it!
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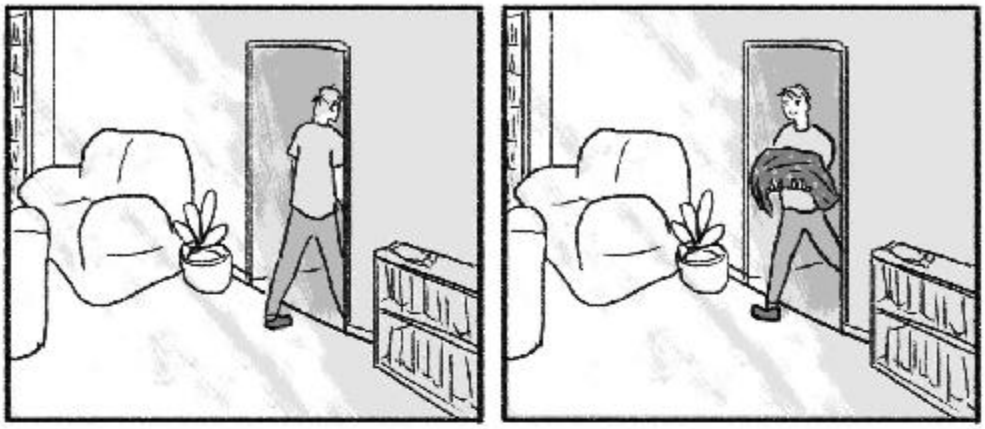
Wait there!



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...
Sorry I don't have any joggers to give you, I think they'd all be too big haha...
You should probably go and sit on a radiator for a bit!

You really have to go home?
Yeah... My dad said I had to be home for dinner.
Well... Nellie will miss you

I'll miss Nellie too
And thanks for the hoodie. I'll give it to you on Monday!
No prob!
Don't slip and die on the ice!
I'll try not to!

CLICK
FSSSHH
?
Charlie seems like a lovely boy. When did you meet him?
A couple of months ago. He's in my form group.

He's very different to your other friends, isn't he? You seem much more like yourself around him.
Do I?
You do!
sip
...

18:11
Details
Today 14:32
18:11
Details
Today 14:32

Are you okay?

I fell for a straight boy... haha...

THE NEXT SATURDAY
KNOCK
KNOCK

Hey!
Hey!

boom
tss
boom
BOOM
tss
Haha, you're terrible!
164
I'm trying my BEST!

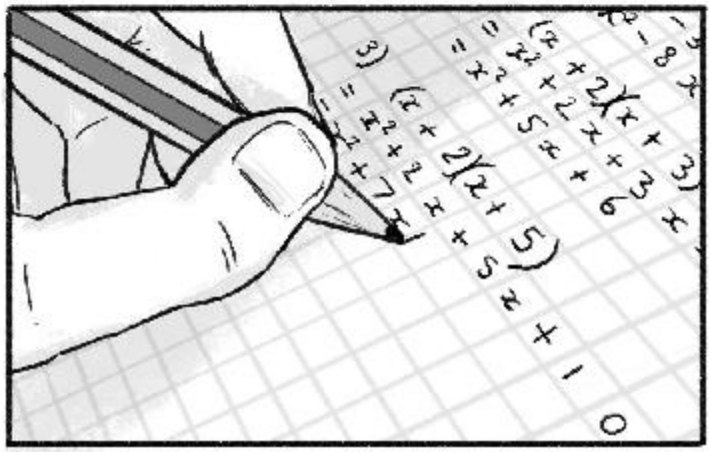
Here, budge up, let me help
Look, like this!

boom
boom
TSS
boom
boom
boom
boom
TSS
boom
boom
boom

There, you're a pro now!
...
...

Charliiiiiie

Yeah?



Are you done yet?
Homework is BORING
I've still got three more questions to-
SNATCH

Hey! Give that back!
Noooooo unfair!
Haha ha!
No way NERD
HEHEH no you don't
Haha!
..wait
GRAB
!?
AH-
FALL
OOF

huff
huff
huff
huff
Why are you so strong?
I'm not strong, you're just small

It's your fault for being a rugby lad
Excuse me? A "rugby lad"?
Yeah!!
Oh REALLY. Well why don't we just pop out for a cheeky Nando's, then, mate? Ayyy, LADS LADS LADS
POKE
Pfft!
Ahaha!!
PROD
What? It's just banter, init mate, init bruv-

OKAY, okay, stop, you win
blush
blush
blush
blush
haha

ROLL
?
Mario Kart?

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!!
!
!
Charlie, we're home!
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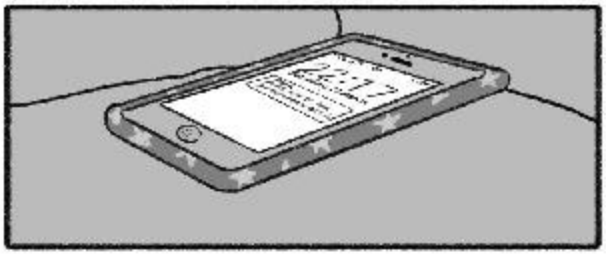

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ZZZ

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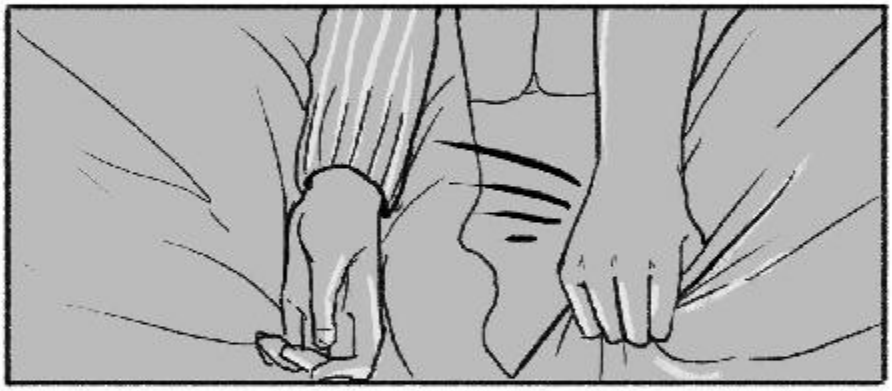

BLINK
BLINK

Huh... did I fall asleep?
Yep. You missed the end of the movie :)
And I kinda need to go home
Oh :(

I wish you didn't have to go
I wish I didn't either
You look so cuddly like that
Do I??
Yeah

???
Okay...haha... see you on Monday
Bye...

SLAM
...
APPEAR
I don't think he's straight

PAUSE

What is happening to me?
SHUT.
Nicky? Did you have a good day?
Yep.
...you okay?
Yep. Fine.
?

!
GRAB

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CLENCH
TAP
TAP
TAP
Google
UK
am i gay?

he Gay Quiz -
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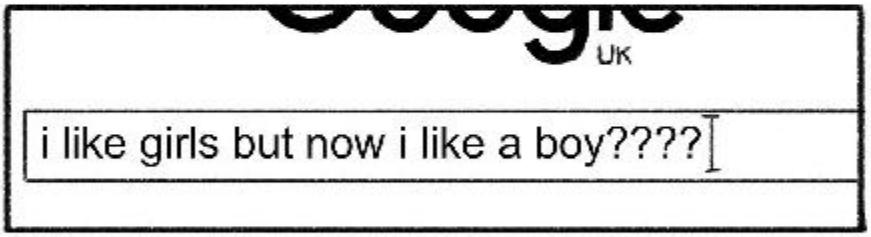
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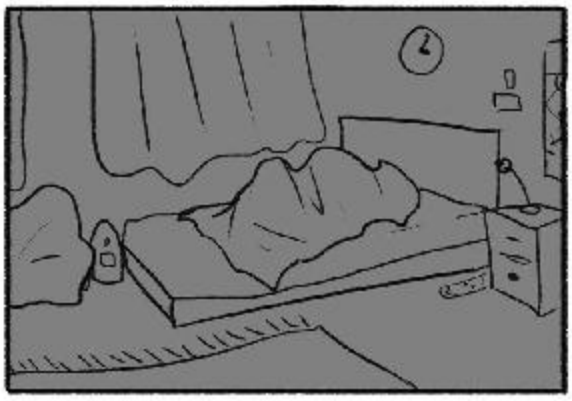
i like girls but now i like a boy????

HOVER
...

SHUT
ROLL
sniff



help me...

APRIL

(TWO WEEKS LATER)

TRUHAM GRAMMAR 32
VISITORS 36
a reserve
tap tap
tap tap

Hey Tao... so... about Nick Nelson

What??? Has something happened???

Well... I think he might maybe like me back

EXPLAIN.

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Look... Charlie... I didn't want to say anything but... I've asked around and I've heard Nick's had a crush on a girl called Tara Jones from Higgs school for, like, 3 years or something
PEEEEP!
AMMAR 39
VISITORS 34
CHARLIE!!

!!
WE WON!!
:D
!!

STAND

AHH!
HAHA!!
!
WOOOOO!!

.. Charlie... I didn't
. I've asked around
a crush on a girl c
ggs school for, like,

!!
...

30 MINS LATER...
...
...
...
CHRISTIAN
SAI
OMAR

...
You've still got mud on you!
So Nick has a crush on Charlie, right?
We've all been thinking it!!
They do seem really close
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But Nick's not gay, is he?
Well, I guess we don't know
He doesn't look gay. And didn't he have a crush on that girl Tara Jones?
MISS SINGH (P.E. TEACHER AND COACH)
You can't tell whether people are gay by what they look like.
And gay or straight aren't the only two options.
Anyway, it's very rude to speculate about people's sexuality.
Go home, lads.

I can kinda see it. Nick and Charlie.
Are you going to Harry Greene's party on Saturday?

Well... I was invited, but I... I don't know. There'll be like two hundred people there, right?
PLEASE COME. All my other friends are dickheads and I don't wanna have to spend an entire evening with them.
Sounds like you need new friends
Well... I have you now, so...
...

...so will you come?
YEAH DEFINITELY
It'll be fun if you're there!
:)
:D
:)

St. George's Hotel

you on the list?
SECURITY
Um- y-yeah... Charlie Spring?
HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY

I've been looking for you!
Haha!
Haha ha!

It's so loud in here! D'you wanna go get a drink?
Yeah sure!
BAR→
NO ALCOHOL
!
!
?
Hey Nick!!

Why are you hanging out in here? How DULL.
SAI
CHRISTIAN
I've got some important news.
HARRY GREENE (THE BIRTHDAY BOY)
SIGH What's up, Harry?
TARA JONES IS HERE.

Wh-what?
Remember her? The girl you had a crush on all through Year 7 and 8?
The one you KISSED at the Year 8 Higgs-Trubam disco?
?
Well, now's your second chance.
RIGHT, CHARLIE?

That was YEARS ago! I haven't even spoken to her since then!!
COME ON, she's just down here!
bar
Plus, she's really hot now
HEY, GIRLS!

?
TARA! I've got someone who wants to see you.
You remember Nick Nelson, right?
...
Er... yeah.. hi
hi

f
m
!
!

Stupid
Stupid stupid stupid I'm such a stupid IDIOT-
OOF
BUMP
GASP

BEN
Charlie?

Anyway,
Sorry about this... Harry sort of dragged me over here
It's fine, I know what he's like!

And I think he must be one of the only people who doesn't know I'm gay
Haha, you didn't know either? That's my girlfriend over there.
So... I heard you've been hanging out with Charlie Spring a lot recently...
Is that... I mean... are you just friends, or...?

er... well...
You can always talk to me about it if you need to...
Where did he go?

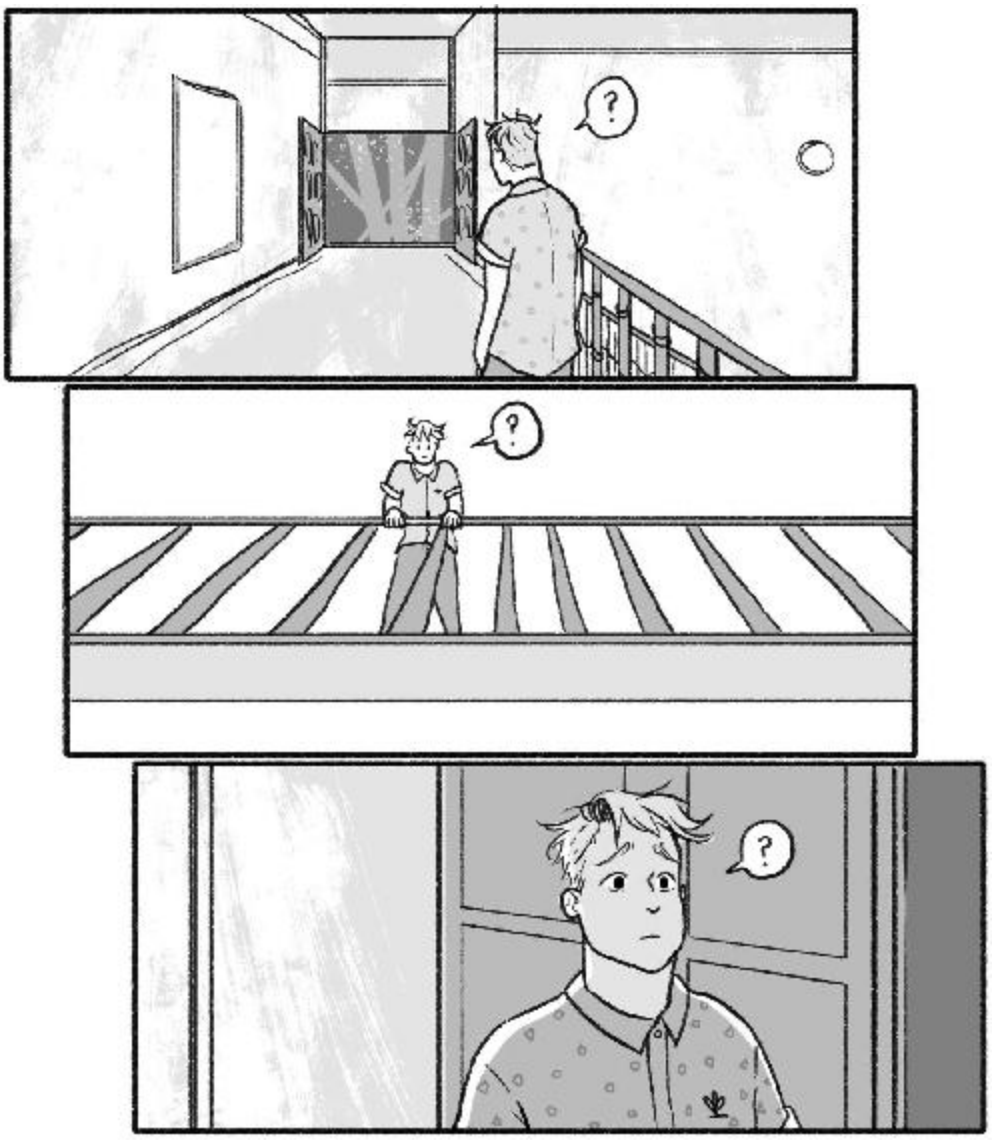
Did any of you see where Charlie went?
no
nope
no, sorry
Why do you even hang out with him?
We're friends-
BUT WHY?
We just are-
But he's just some nerdy little Year 10
He got really popular after all that bullying shit last year, right?
D'you just feel sorry for him because he's gay?
No WAIT, d'you think he FANCIES you!? Oh my God, how SAD.

You know what, Harry?
FUCK YOU.
You're a pathetic, homophobic, self-obsessed DICK and I really dislike you.

...

Happy fucking birthday.

I actually love him



hi

Um...
Sorry...

Your friends were kind of intimidating-
DON'T BE SORRY! They're all dickheads!

I'd rather just hang out with you, anyway

So... I just ran into Ben

SHIT. Are you okay?
y-yeah, I mean... I dealt with it.
He... er... he tried to apologise, but...

Look, I'm sorry, okay? Have you finished sulking about it?
Leave me alone.
GRAB
Oh come on, Charlie!
SLAM
OOF
230
DO NOT FUCKING TOUCH ME.
Staff Only
...

Then he just walked off, so...
Yeah, I think he got the message this time
I'm so proud
squeeze

Shut up, now I'm embarrassed
Haha!

It's, er, kinda noisy in here, isn't it
Yeah...

Shall we go somewhere quieter again?
Okay

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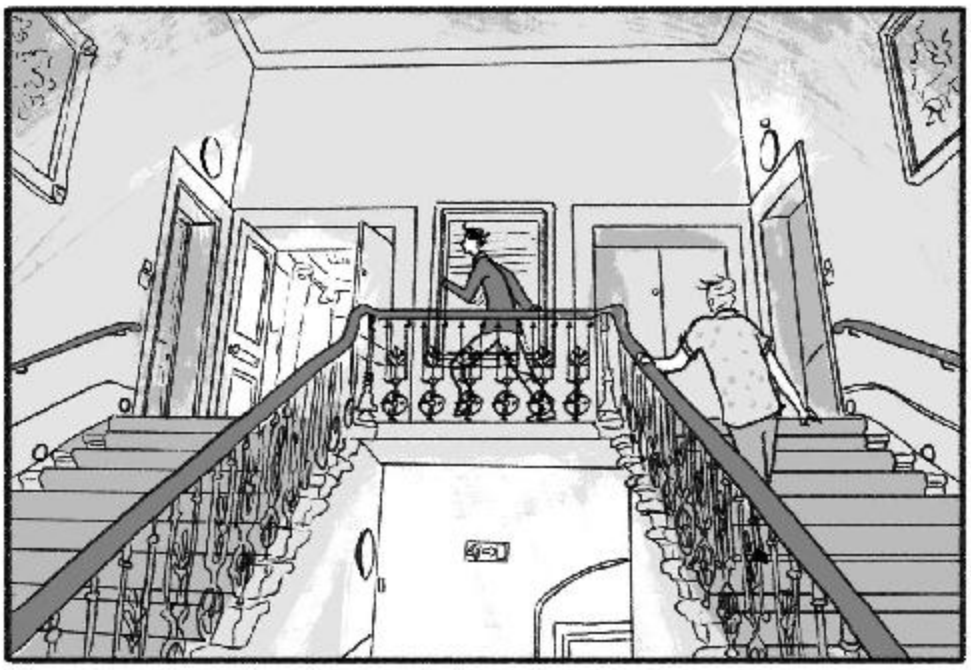
I'll race you!
To where!?
Anywhere!
?
?
Unfair!
You're way faster than me!



I'm DYING!
It's because you're old
Huff huff
Huff

I'm only 18 months older!!
Okay, old man

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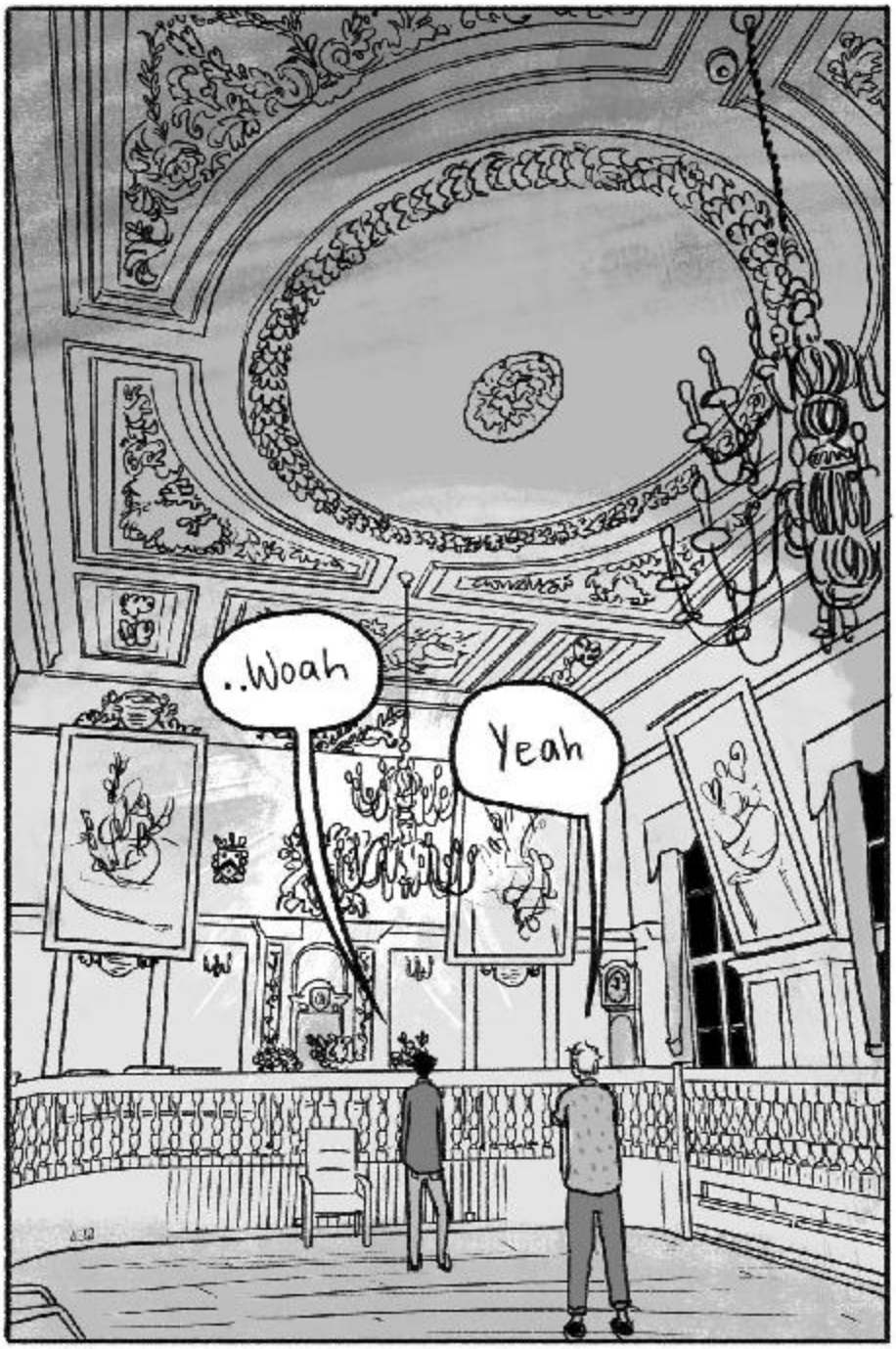
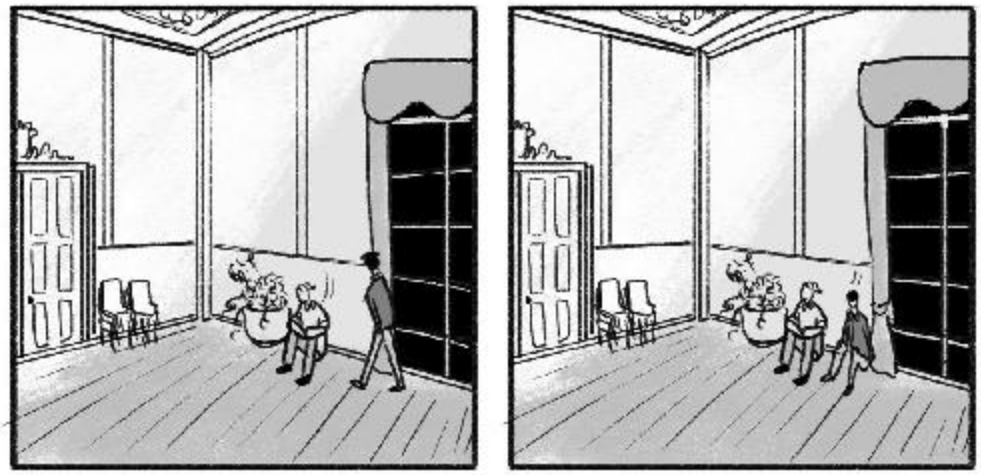
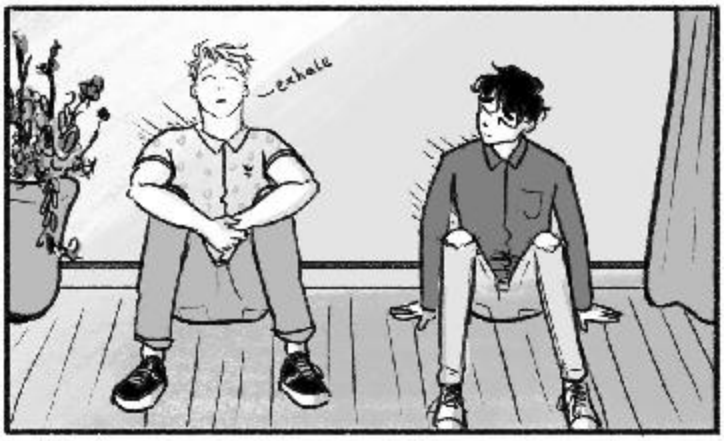

..Woah
Yeah

Jesus... I knew Harry was rich but this hotel must have cost a fuck ton to hire
Yeah...
He should go on that TV show, 'My Super Sweet 16'!
Is that the one where they cry if their parents don't get them the car they want?
Yep
He'd fit right in




—exhale

So... like...
Was Harry being serious? Do you like that girl?

NO! No, definitely not!
We... we kissed at a party when we were like 13 and I liked her at the time but I've honestly barely thought about her since then and I DEFINITELY don't like her that way anymore!
Ah... Okay...

Um... So...
... you don't have a crush on anyone at the moment?
Well... I didn't say THAT...

had a crush on a girl cal
Higgs school for like 3 ye
Haha... what's she like, then?
242
...
You're just gonna assume they're a she?

Are they
not a girl?
e-erm

SHRUG
Would you...
...go out with someone who wasn't a girl?

Would you...

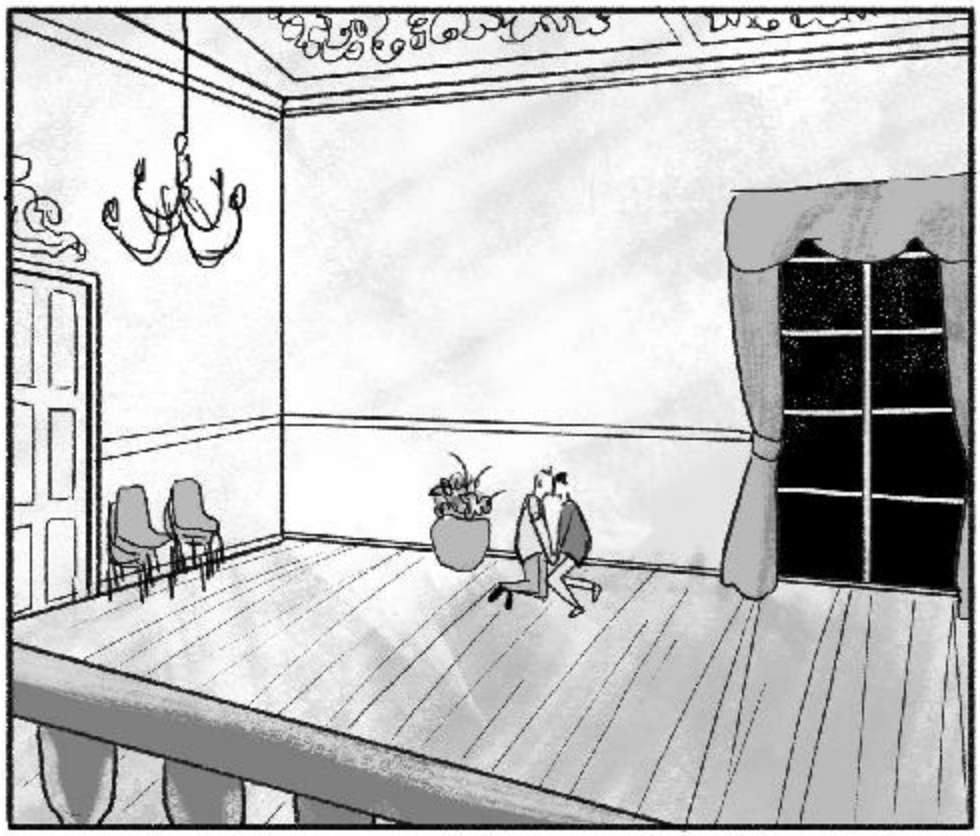
kiss someone who wasn't a girl?

I

don't know

Would you kiss me?

Yeah



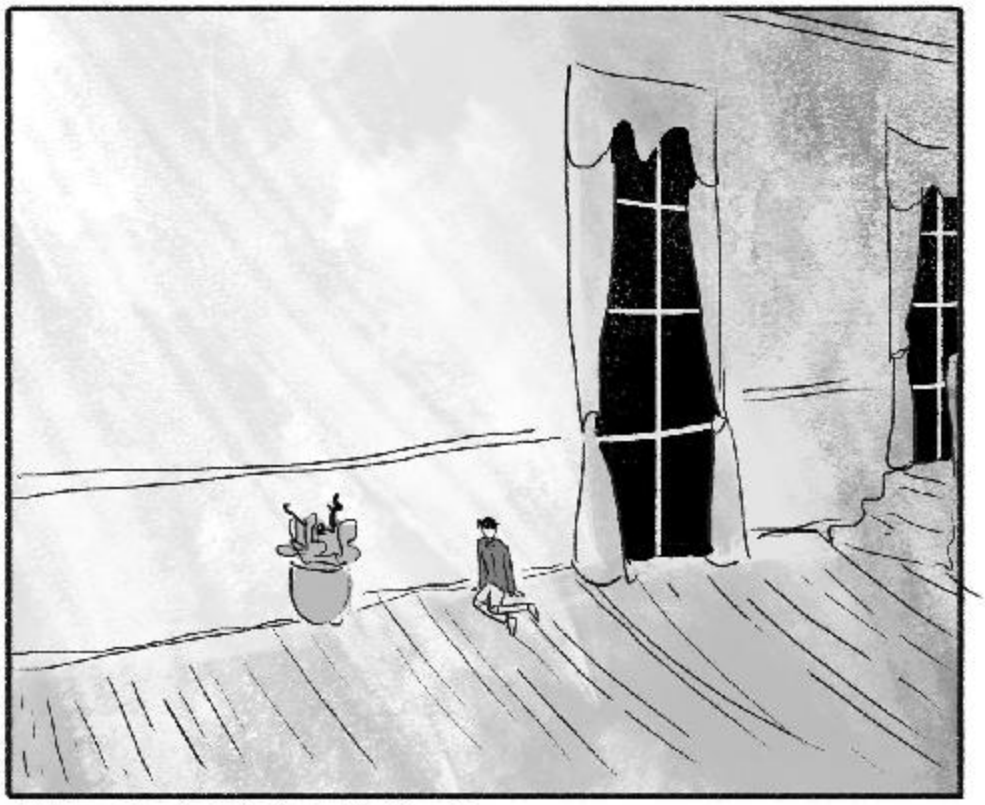
you okay?

I-
Nick? Are you up here?

NICK!?
I know you're up here somewhere!
...
Harry wants to talk to you!

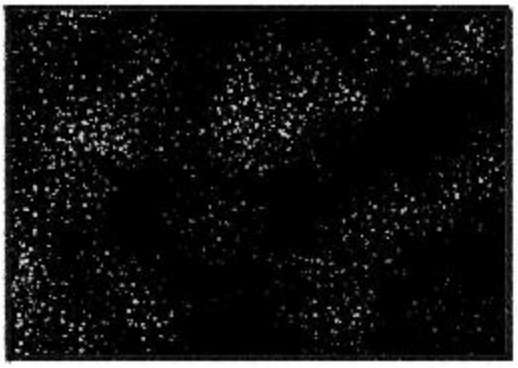
Come on, Nick!!
Why are you hiding?

SHUT



I'm sorry

I'm
sorry



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